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AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT SHOWS INCREASE

CROP SUPPLUS FOR EXPORT FORESEEN -- Rzeczpospolita, No 218, 10 Aug 49

Minister of Trade Dr Tadeusz Dietrich stated that this year's crops could be added, for the first time, to substantial reserves held over from previous years. This will supply the domestic market and provide a surplus for export.

A fair price for grain, nevertheless, will be guaranteed to farmers. The Economic Committee of the Council of Ministers will base grain prices on quality standards which will be strictly erforced hereafter.

Peasant Self-Kelp cooperatives will be the purchasing agents throughout the country. Special credits will be assigned for repairs, storage facilities, and thorough disinfection of warehouses. The entire supply of grain will be collected by the Polish Granaries.

SLASK WOJEWODZTWO TO CULTIVATE 280,000 HECTARES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 226, 16 Aug 49

Slask Wojewodztwo plans to cultivate over 280,000 beccares this fall, which is 32.3 percent of all arable land in Slask. Nearly 253,000 bectares will be sown in bread grains, 7,700 hectares in forage plants, and 6,400 hectares in rape. This year nearly 15 percent of the land used for winter grains will be sown with select seed.

Slask Wojewodztwo was assigned 2,569 tons of choice rye and wheat grains and 37,150 tons of various types of fertilizers for the fall sowing. The fertilizer supply was increased 45 percent this year in comparison with last year's supply.

The state assigned a credit of 370 million zlotys to the village cooperatives for purchase of various fertilizer's and a credit of 20 million zlotys for individual loans for small landowners. The agricultural machine centers at the cooperatives have 120 tractors to aid farmers with their fall planting.

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The PGRs (State Farms) will use 596 tractors and 28 steam plants fall sowing.

SUGAR-BEET CULTIVATION INCREASED -- Recorpospolita, No 226, 18 Aug 49

In 1938, 150,000 hectares were under sugar best cultivation. A year after the close of World War II, the area under sugar best cultivation was inspected by 20,000 hectares. This year, nearly 250,000 hectares are planted with sugar bests. This increase is explained pertly by the fact that small landowners have engage in sugar-best cultivation which previously was carried on only by estate-holders and well-to-do farmers.

Even though sugar beet cultivation is expensive, especially the labor connected with it, the revenue obtained is three these more can that obtained from cultivation of rye. In addition, the farmer has such by-products as residual mash, molasses, syrup, etc. The mash is a valuable livestock fodder. Other factors contributing to successful sugar-beet-raising this year were: intensive cultivation of soil, use of proper fertilizer, and favorable weather.

It is anticipated that this year the average sugar-beet field of one hectars will be 200 quintals. Compared to last year's harvest, this is over 11 quintals more per hectare. The anticipated harvest for the entire country is 50 million quintals; 735,000 tens of sugar will be produced, 18 percent more than in 1948.

The 1947 sugar consumption surpassed the prewar consumption. In 1948, the sugar consumption per capita was 17.2 kilograms, and for 1949 it is expected to reach nearly 19 kilograms per capita.

YOUTH GROUPS HELP IN HARVEST -- Trybuna Ludu, 11 Aug 49

Harvesting has already been completed on many state farms. In Slask Wojewodztwo rye has been almost completely hervested, while 95 percent of winter wheat and 80 percent of the spring wheat has been gathered. Farvesting of spring barley, oats, and other grains is 80 percent complete. In other wojewodztwos harvesting has proceeded at an even greater speed. Youth organizations have been very active in this work, and in some sections the city opulation has also helped.

COOPERATIVE MACHINE CENTERS ACTIVE IN HARVESTING -- Trybuna Ludu, No 216, 10 Aug 49

In Pomorze Szczecinskie, 241 cooperative machine centers have promoted mechanized harvesting. Moving machines have cut 50,000 hectares of grain. At present, the machine centers are preparing for threshing and have 1,700 threshing machines at their disposal.

BANK ADVANCES CREDITS FOR FALL PLANTING -- Rzeczpospolita, No 218, 10 Aug 49

Credits to the amount of 1,240 million clotys for fall planting and for the purchase of seed grain and artificial fertilizer have been advanced by the Agricultural Bank. The credits will be allotted to mall- and mediumsize landholders. To obtain credits, farmers must file applications at the local branches of the Bank. The applications must be approved by the Association for Passant Self-Help in the community

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SEED SUPPLIED TO FARMERS -- Trybens Lade, To 211, The

About 35,000 tons of graded seed grain have been allered to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lond Reform. The quantity series of year's supply by 6,000 tons.

1950 HOG-CONTRACTING PROGRAM UNDER WAY -- Resexpospolite, No 226, 18 Aug 49

The Contral Meat Office has advised that the new beg-contracting Present for 1950, which opened July 1949, is developing favorably. These million how will be contracted for in the new program. During the last 20 days, 170,000 hogs were contracted for in the entire country. Many farmers who have not participated in previous hog contracting are taking part in the new program.

21,000 HOGS DELIVERED TO COOPERATIVES -- Recorpospolita, No 226, 18 Aug 40

As of 31 July, 230 village cooperatives in Slask Wojewodztwo paid over 10,000 farmers for the delivery of 21,000 hogs which were previously contracted for. Premiums were paid for prompt delivery of hogs. During May, June, and July, 13,285,000 zletys were paid as premiums by these cooperatives. The credit of over 70 million slotys assigned for the 1949 hog-contracting program was paid to firmers for their hogs.

This year, the credit to be used as advance payment on the new 1950 hog contracting program was increased 22 million slotys.

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